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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEW YORK (CODE)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) 2P

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~~RE~~ REF BUREAU AIRTEL MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST, AND ATLANTA TEL APRIL THREE LAST.

REF AIRTEL INSTRUCTED PHILA TO INTERVIEW REV. JAMES BEVEL OF ~~SCLC~~ SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION REGARDING HIS STATEMENT IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES" ON MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST, THAT A LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO MEMPHIS POLICE ON APPROXIMATELY APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE ASSASSINATED.

REF ATLANTA TEL STATED RUMORS WERE THAT BEVEL HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTENTION MAY BE NECESSARY.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted] SCLC HEADQUARTERS AND THAT ONE LOCAL OFFICIAL OF SCLC STATED BEVEL WAS IN NEW YORK BUT THAT SCLC WAS KEEPING QUIET. ALL OTHER SCLC PEOPLE ADVISED SIMPLY THAT BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HOSPITAL AT WHICH BEVEL IS LOCATED BUT DO NOT INTERVIEW WITHOUT BUREAU PERMISSION.

IT IS FELT BEVEL SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED IF HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.

IF BEVEL IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK, THE FACT THAT HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL MAY BE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT BEVEL IS TO BE INTERVIEWED IN HOSPITAL.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

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WA....JDR

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CC-MR. ROSEN

NOTE:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An article appeared in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69 quoting Reverend James Bevel that there was definitely a conspiracy to murder King a couple of days before King arrived in Memphis on 4-3-68. (King murdered 4-4-68) Based on this, we instructed our Philadelphia Office to locate and interview Bevel concerning this.

Philadelphia advises that Bevel may be confined to a hospital in New York as a mental patient, and they requested advice as to whether or not Bevel is to be interviewed in hospital. They are presently attempting to locate hospital at which Bevel is allegedly confined.

We are advising New York to locate hospital or institution and determine complete circumstances of confinement and not to interview Bevel unless specifically advised by the Bureau.